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Kay L. Gayle**PATENT**
Docket No. GC558D1**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of)

Manoj Kumar)

Serial No. 10/026,586)

Group Art Unit 1652

Filed: December 18, 2001)

Examiner: Manjunath N. Rao, Ph.D.

For: **PRODUCTION OF ASCORBIC ACID****AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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Sir:

The instant amendment is filed in response to the Official Action dated, June 17, 2003. A shortened statutory period for reply was set for September 17, 2003. A petition for an extension of time for two months until November 17, 2003 is concurrently submitted herein along with the required fee.

The Examiner is requested to enter the present amendment.

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